

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF FUNDS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that certain schemes which are being implemented for rural development are lagging behind the targets due to the non availability of sufficient funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to mobilize sufficient funds;
- (c) whether there is any proper monitoring system for the evaluation of such schemes regarding their achievements;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development has not received any notice from the State Governments/District Level Implementing Agencies about non availability of central funds as prescribed in the guidelines under its schemes.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) to (e) The Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of Monitoring the implementation and impact of the programmes including utilization of funds through Periodical Progress Reports, Performance of Review Committee, Area Officer's Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committee and the State/District Level with greater involvement of members of Parliament, National Level Monitors to monitor quality of work and adherence the implementation as per the guidelines of schemes. Besides, the State Governments have been advised to adopt a four- pronged strategy consisting of (i) creation of awareness about the schemes, (ii) transparency (iii) People's Partnership and (iv) accountability- social audit through Gram Sabha. In addition to this, the States have been advised to constitute the Village Level Monitoring Committee for each work under SGRY and NFFWP mandatorily which will monitor the progress and quality while work is in progress and final report of the Committee would be attached along with the completion certificate of work for consideration of Gram Sabha of Gram Panchayat where work has been executed. The programmes of the Ministry are also evaluated through Impact Assessment Studies/Concurrent Evaluation Studies by the reputed independent Research Organisations located in various corners of the country.